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VOP: UN OFFICIAL SAYS ISRAELI ATTACK 'IMMINENT'

NC140702 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 0530 GMT 14 Apr 82

[Text] In Beirut, Mr Samir Sanbar, director of the UN Information Bureau, has affirmed that Israel is preparing a large-scale military attack against Lebanon and the Palestinian camps. Mr Sanbar noted the convergence of foreign newsmen on Tel Aviv to watch developments closely. Mr Sanbar said: This convergence of newsmen prompts us to believe that the Israeli act of aggression against southern Lebanon is imminent.

WEST GERMAN TELEVISION INTERVIEWS YASIR 'ARAFAT

DW140923 Mainz ZDF Television Network in German 1900 GMT 13 Apr 82

["Excerpts" from Peter Scholl-Latour interview with PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat; date and place of interview not given -- videotaped]

[Text] ['Arafat] Our people are facing an occupation and we are entitled to defend ourselves. We want international law and UN resolutions to be applied. However, the Israelis refuse to do this. It is important to say that there will be no peace, no security and no solution to the problem if the rights of the Palestinians remain ignored: our right to return to our homeland, our right to self-determination and our right to establish an independent state and to live in our homeland as human beings and not as slaves under these invaders and occupiers.

[Question] There is a lot of speculation about an imminent Israeli offensive in southern Lebanon. Does this worry you?

[Answer] I am not worried. Our people find themselves face to face with this great combat force, which is an American rather than an Israeli force, because the Israeli army is being supplied by the Americans with unlimited amounts of the most sophisticated, even forbidden weapons. We have nothing to lose. So why should we be worried? It is our destiny, and no one can escape his destiny. The Israelis are welcome; if they want to try it they are welcome. We are waiting for them.

'ARAFAT RECEIVES LETTERS FROM SOVIET LEADERSHIP

NC140652 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 0530 GMT 14 Apr 82

[Text] Brother Leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] last night received the Soviet ambassador in Beirut, Comrade Aleksandr Soldatov, who gave him two important letters from the Soviet leadership. The two letters are related to the latest developments in the situation -- in the area in general and southern Lebanon in particular -- in light of the Zionist threats and concentrations on land, sea, and air all along the southern Lebanese borders. During the meeting, they reviewed the contents of the two Soviet letters, the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and the courageous uprising of the masses of our people, especially after the occupation authorities' organized and planned aggression against Christian and Muslim sanctuaries.

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